

Summer has slipped away. And lots of projects around my QTH still need to be completed before the snow flies. Likely most of us have a few must-do tasks on our lists. At the top of mine is to complete some antenna and guy wire maintenance and make sure all the components are ship-shape before the weather gets so bad that I don't have enough gumption to climb up on my roof.

Just around the corner, less than 2 weeks from now is the annual Washington QSO Party, known as Salmon Run. It's a fun activity for the Club and our members, plus a way to help fund the Club's activities through the Pledge Program. More details elsewhere in the issue.

This month's guest column by AI N7OMS caused me to spend a bit of time thinking about how our Club fits into our Community. Well, one way is that as a club and as individuals, we represent the face of amateur radio. When we wear our baseball caps emblazoned with our call sign and club name, our behavior reflects on the whole ham radio institution.

When a guest or a member drops by the Clubhouse, the way we meet, greet and treat our visitors has a big impact on their perception of all hams and of our hobby. In general, I've observed that we're extremely polite and helpful to guests and others at events and at Saturday open houses. But occasionally, for whatever reason, a lapse of proper behavior can happen. Each of us need to always remember to put our best foot forward with our manners at the Clubhouse - our guests and our community deserve it. Those folks may be future hams, donors of equipment, or perhaps past members who are considering becoming active again. Let's treat them with respect.

73 de Mike W7MWF - and CU @ Salmon Run!

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**Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2015**

In the absence of the Secretary, or any other Club officers, I undertook to record the following minutes of the meeting of the RCT Board of Directors, 8/5/2015. Randy Myers WB4SPB

No Club officers were present. Those who were consulted the ByLaws and determined that, with a quorum of 5 Directors present, the meeting could proceed.

The following persons signed the attendance roster:

Bruce Hanson WE7P (board member)
Mike Finnie W7MWF (board member)
Douglas E Oakman AD7AV
Mike Elwell W7GHW (board member)
Alan Ferguson N7OMS (board member)
George Salisbury K7GRS
Nick Winter K7MO (board member)
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Bob Hewlett N7NCP
Greta Hewlett KF7KSW

Called to order: Bruce Hanson WE7P presided and called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous Board meeting was made and carried.

Health & Welfare: Nick Winter K7MO reported that he had attended the memorial service for Alan Hughes KB7SVU, now SK, who was a lifetime member of RCT.

It was also noted that the Club Secretary, Larry Watson KD4VOM, has informed the Club that, after an illness, he is unlikely to be able to continue to perform all of the duties he has undertaken on the Club's behalf, and that he will not stand for another term in office.

Library: Doug Oakman AD7AV presented a report of the Library Committee. That report is attached.

Membership: George Salisbury K7GRS reported that the membership stands at 305 members, a number very similar to the membership total at this time last year.

IT: Randy Myers WB4SPB reported that IT equipment was performing normally.

Field Day: Randy reported that a Field Day article for The Bark and for the ARRL Soapbox is nearing completion.

Facilities: Mike Finnie W7MWF reported that the rewiring of the garage, undertaken by himself and Rich Patrick KR7W, is 75% completed.

Mike also reported that a City refuse collection truck driver had spoken to an unnamed Club member, who relayed the driver's concern that Club refuse containers were not placed 4 feet apart on pick-up day. Mike asked that all present keep an eye on this situation and to do what they can to assure Friday refuse pickup will proceed normally.

Property management: Mike Finnie W7MWF reported that surplus equipment was offered for sale on two days in July. A Clubhouse sale generated \$1447, and the Chehalis Swapmeet sale generated \$1155 after expenses. Mike has conveyed the proceeds, \$2602, to the Treasurer.

Workshop evening: Randy Myers WB4SPB reported that the next workshop will be led by Joe Lester K7ZG, the topic being the workings of the w7dk.org website. The workshop date is August 26.

Old business: George Salisbury K7GRS distributed a marked-up copy of the ByLaws showing proposed changes.

Mike Finnie W7MWF moved that the proposed changes be accepted in principle, allowing for further minor revisions that George may make, and that a final version be submitted to the general membership for a vote on November 11.

During discussion, it was noted that the revisions must be mailed to the membership 30 days in advance of the November 11 meeting, and that it would be efficient to mail election materials at the same time. A target of "first week in October" was set for this mailing. George will print and procure materials, and an envelope-stuffing party will be arranged.

The aforementioned motion was carried.

Elections: It was noted that the ByLaws provide for appointment, on or before the August general meeting (8/12 this year), of a nominating committee by the Club President.

Randy Myers WB4SPB volunteered to chair a nominating committee and to slate two additional members for approval by the Club President.

The nominating committee's report will be due at the September general meeting.

Three board positions are up for election, as are the offices of the Vice President and Secretary.

The open Treasurer position can be filled by an appointment, since a year remains on the current term of that office.

Salmon Run: It was noted that this event is rapidly approaching and will take place on September 19 and 20.

Al Ferguson N7OMS will author a fundraising letter, which will be edited by Mike Finnie W7MWF and Randy Myers WB4SPB. George Salisbury K7GRS has or will create a pledge sheet. George will print and procure materials, and an envelope-stuffing party will be arranged for the first week in September.

It was noted that someone will be required to process the returned pledges. Bruce Hanson WE7P will approach Peter Baker AD7EU to see if he is willing to do this task.

New Business: Nick Winter K7MO reported having spoken to Joe Harrington (Harrington Tower) regarding an inspection of our 80' Rohn 65, lightly-guyed tower. Mr. Harrington is willing to perform an inspection of the steel and make photos for \$800.

Mike Finnie W7MWF moved that action on the tower be tabled until officers are present. The motion was carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.



The Radio Club of Tacoma

**Your Radio Club
Needs your help**

**RCT needs donations....
of Amateur Radio Equipment**

RCT General Membership Meeting August 12, 2015 Meeting Notes

Officers Present:

Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ Vice President

Mike Finnie W7MWF Board

Nick Winter K7MO Board

Mike Elwell W7GHW Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Mike W7XTZ. Board Member Mike W7MWF acted as scribe.

FLAG PLEDGE: was led by Mike W7MWF

Welcome and self-introductions were conducted. 33 names were entered on the attendance list.

HEALTH, WELFARE OR SILENT KEY: Alan Hughes KB7SVU, Lifetime RCT Member SK; Larry Watson KD4VOM recently hospitalized and is now recovering at home. It was also noted that Casey Hicks WY7V is have some health issues.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsletters

Utility Bills

Bank Statements

Membership Renewals

QEX, NCJ Magazines

Electric Radio

TREASURER: No report.

The Field Day Pig and Suggestion/Question box were passed around.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: George Salisbury K7GRS George reported membership over 300. Leonard KA7NWF reminded folks to pick up their membership cards if they haven't yet.

TRAINING: Technician's Class October 10/11

HF STATION: Operational

REPEATERS: No report

FACILITIES: Mike W7MWF reported that the RCT Garage; had been pressure washed (Bob K7MXE) and was ready for repair and painting. Electrical work in Garage is about 75% completed.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Mike Finnie W7MWF Mike reported that sale of surplus property at the Clubhouse on July 18th netted \$1447 and the Chelalis sale July 25 netted \$1155 for a total of \$2602.

PROGRAM: "The Coming Communications Crisis" Presented by Clay Freinwald K7CR. Clay informed the club of shortcomings and possible solutions regarding state-wide emergency alert networks.

WORKSHOP: At the August Workshop Joe Lester K7ZG will explore the W7DK.org website management, operations and maintenance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salmon Run

Planning is underway for September's Washington State QSO Party, the "Salmon Run", Operating Event, and Annual Fund Raiser

W7DK at the Fair

The RCT Booth at the Fair is now soliciting signups for duty tours. The tour includes parking and Fair tickets.

Here's a link to the W7DK.org Fair signup page

[http://www.w7dk.org/index.php?](http://www.w7dk.org/index.php?op-)

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Elections are coming in November

Randy WB4SBP is heading up the Nominations committee

Officers and Board Members terms expiring December 31st 2015

Vice President (Incumbent Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ)

Secretary (Incumbent Larry Watson KD4VOM)

Board Position (Incumbent Bruce Hanson W7EP)

Board Position (Incumbent Mike Finnie W7MWF)

Board Position (Incumbent Mike Elwell W7GHW)

RCT Picnic: Arrangements have been made for the Club's Annual Kirkreit Picnic which will be held Saturday August 29th at the Ft Steilacoom Park in Shelter 2 from 3 to 6 pm.

TREASURER Vacancy: The Club continues to search for someone to take up the Club's Treasurer Position. A familiarity with computers, and perhaps bookkeeping experience is desirable.

Mike W7XTZ is handling basic tasks temporarily

TUNING, TRAFFIC, DX AND CONTESTING:
Nick K7MO noted several upcoming events and expeditions.

PRIZE RECIPIENTS:

Phillip K7PIA won the door prize and KA7NWF won the raffle prize.

Remember, the proceeds from our Raffle process underwrite and fund the Annual Awards Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Proudly celebrating 99 years
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Pierce County and the Pacific Northwest



Salmon Run Preparation

Al N7OMS suggested to your editor that he'd better get ready for the 2015 Salmon Run. Isn't this what he meant? (Aug 22, 2015 W7MWF aboard the Sea Angel, Westport, WA.)

Guest Editorial
Submitted by AI N7OMS

Community: *A body of people living near one another and in a social relationship.*

The Ham Radio community really stretches the term 'near' as used in the above definition. When you send that CQ out into the ether, you have created the opportunity to communicate with anyone. You might talk to someone of any gender or age. They could be in any profession - from King to baby sitter to bartender or chef. They could have a handicap or be a marathon runner. They may be at location, from the Arctic pole to the South pole. Hams have even broken the barriers of Space with Hams in tiny craft orbiting our planet. I am also certain that when we send people to other planets Hams will be there too.

We start with a common thread. Our equipment provides us with something to talk about often moving along to weather conditions or locations. Some contacts are quite short - but sometimes the dialogues progress to chats about our families, places we have been, or places we would like to visit. It is not uncommon to arrange further contacts to continue this new on-air relationship. Promoting Amateur Radio is a way to help hams break down many barriers between people.

Ham Radio is unique because it offers so many venues to enrich our lives. There are dozens of different modes and transmission protocols, collecting DX contacts, chasing the hundreds of awards offered by so many organizations, designing and building equipment, trying new modes, restoring older equipment, trying new equipment, going to mountain tops to erect a station, hiding and finding hidden transmitters. I could go on for quite a while listing all the things that Ham Radio can bring into our lives.

Some folks might say I boast when I say that the Radio Club of Tacoma is the heart and soul of the ham community in the Puget Sound region. In defense, I would talk about the huge number of new hams the Club has helped get their first or upgraded license. We provide easy access for new and seasoned hams to information that will help them improve their ham skills. We have books, equipment and even Elmer's ready to help with almost any ham radio dream. We provide a social environment that allows us to meet and become friends with those of common interests in this great hobby of ours. What is really amazing is that the Radio Club of Tacoma has been doing this for almost 100 years!

If you are a member in good standing you should have received in the mail a very cool envelope from the Club. Inside you found a pledge sheet and letter explaining the Salmon Run Fund raiser. Please consider helping us to prepare the Radio Club of Tacoma to help hams for the next 100 years.

Thanks and 73 de AI

What the heck is a "Clean Sweep", anyway?

Clean sweep is defined in my 1991 edition of Webster's as many things, none of which have anything to do with Ham Radio. But when I hear the term "Clean Sweep", my mind immediately jumps to Salmon Run contests and the many memories that this Ham Radio event holds for me. Salmon Run is another name for the Washington State QSO party. This contest is similar to QSO parties that are held in many other States: make a QSO with each county of that State and you have a Clean Sweep. The state QSO parties are a good way for a ham radio operator to work towards the coveted "Worked All States" award.

The Radio Club of Tacoma has consistently placed high in the Salmon Run and even won as the top station in the State. In several recent years, we have accomplished the feat of making an exchange with all 39 Washington counties, qualifying W7DK for Clean Sweep recognition. But the club has also "won" the Salmon Run in other ways: RCT combines this fun event with a pledge drive as our annual **Salmon Run Fund Raiser**, and we have used it to raise much-needed monies for repairing and upgrading the club Clubhouse. I wish to thank you for your membership in our great club and for any donations you may have made in the past.

The Radio Club of Tacoma is special in more ways than being one of the oldest operating clubs in the U.S. We also have a sizeable piece of property with a Clubhouse that is wholly owned by the members. This is an asset that enables us to host events, maintain and operate Club stations, provide training, facilitate research, and preserve Radio History, among other functions.

Alas, there is a price to pay, as every homeowner knows. Buildings require money to maintain and improve, as well as ongoing expenses such as utilities, insurance, and property taxes. The Club relies on membership dues, surplus property sales, and the Salmon Run Fund Raiser to cover these costs.

Here is how you can help. Enclosed you will find a form that will allow you to pledge any amount against the number of counties W7DK works during the Salmon Run contest. Say you pledge 1 dollar per county and we work 35 counties, then you would be donating 35 dollars. And maybe you'd like to add a bonus if we make a 39-county Clean Sweep again this year. If you don't want to fuss with the arithmetic, you can simply make a flat donation of any amount, large or small. Some members even get creative and develop their own pledge criteria. For instance, once we were challenged to work Island County, another time to make at least 25 QSO's using CW.

Because the Radio Club of Tacoma is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, your pledged and paid donation can even help you when Income Tax season comes around.

I have operated this contest from away from the home station in different counties in past years, and I can tell you it is a real hoot putting a rare county on the air and being in high demand just like I was a really hot DX station! Do you need a mini vacation? Get out and about in this beautiful state of ours and hone your Ham Radio skills. If you have a younger person in the household, consider taking them into the field and showing them this very fun side of Ham Radio.

Of course, you're welcome to join the RCT Clubhouse operation. **The contest will run Sept. 19th from 9 am to midnight, then Sept. 20th from 9 am to 5 pm (local time).** For more complete contest information visit the Western Washington DX club at www.wwdx.org. And please consider a Salmon Run donation pledge to your Radio Club of Tacoma.

Very 73,

Al Ferguson, N7OMS
RCT Salmon Run Supporter, Deluxe



Twenty years ago in Radioland

A couple of weeks from now will mark 20 years since WW2END, the Special Event Station aboard the USS Missouri was on the air. The Radio Club of Tacoma and the Kitsap ARC partnered to put it all together

I was one of the Operators; one shift on 15 meter phone followed by a shift on 20 meter phone. After the tourists left, we had the run of the ship, and that was neat. During the last of the daylight, some of us helped set up antennas while others assembled the stations.

I wound up on the two stations mostly because I held an Amateur Extra license, and that factor permitted wider frequency access. It was peaceful and calm for most of the night. I say "most", because about halfway through my second shift, we received word that there was a lightning storm on the way.

Oops! There we were on this huge metal warship, floating in salt water. Shut everything down, take down the antennas that could be easily dismantled, and get under cover. I can't remember if it rained, but we did see lightning.

All in all, it was fun. I had just turned three when the war ended, so I don't remember any of the news stories about the battles in the Pacific. But I am proud to say that I took part in the 50 Year Commemoration of the signing of the surrender by being part of WW2END.



And I still have my T-shirts, the official one and the unofficial "I Was There" T-shirt. Are there any members out there who also operated from the Missouri, and who still have their T-shirts? Just wondering.

de Frank - W7FJB
(KG7HB at the time)

Frank J. Billington - RCT Life Member #1320

(Photographs Courtesy of the US Naval History & Heritage Command and Frank Billington)

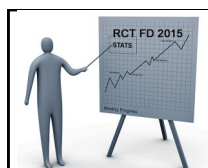


40 Meter Big Show-aka FD 2015... By Rich KR7W

Ol' Bud stopped by the basement shack the other day. Bud had been in Utah for months and I hadn't seen him since I wrote the last article for this newsletter. As we drank Luke's Good Coffee Bud asked about my 2015 Field Day experience at the Radio Club of Tacoma. As the SKCC Sprint ditted and dah dah dahhed on 14.050 in the background. I showed Ol' Bud these photos and commented on them. It went something like this:



Since the Field Day 'set up' period begins the Friday before at 0001 UTC...Joe K7ZG, accompanied by Randy WB4SPB went out to the Field on Thursday afternoon (5:01 PM) and began shooting strings into the tall trees to pull up the ropes that would support the 40M Wire Yagi. Here's Joe K7ZG shooting off his Air Cannon. Eagle Eye Joe's effort was hugely successful in quick order.



40M Stats:

SSB - 102 QSOs
CW - 224 QSOs

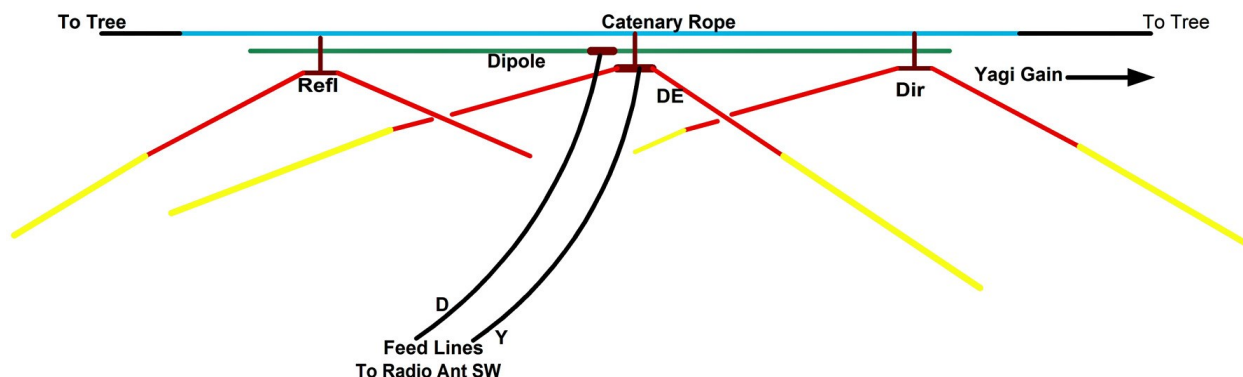


Friday morning—Day of Set Up. Everything except the proverbial Kitchen Sink and the Antenna are jammed in and on top of this small car. Did I mention I forgot the antenna? Murphy's Law? No... just simple complacency on my part.



Here's a from a far away view of the 20M CW / 40M CW+SSB area of operation. Both stations shared Chuck AC7QN's 10x20 ft shelter. Both stations were powered from Joe K7ZG's 2KW Honda Generator. The stations were separated acoustically by a DIY wall— sort of like an office cubical- made from OSB (like plywood but cheap). SSB operation usually draws a crowd, the crowd wants to hear the QSOs, so the speaker blares, which disturbs the other station. The cubical walls partially cut down the QRN.

The 40M wire Yagi came into existence 11 or 12 years ago at Field Day at the Gun Club. It is a good performer and was considered (by some hams) W7DK's secret weapon on 40 Meter CW. It is hard to see in the photo above... schematic follows:



More on the 40M Wire Yagi: Originally designed by my Elmer Al K7PUC. An additional 65 ft dipole is tightly bound to the Catenary Rope which makes it hard to notice. The Cat Rope supports PVC Inverted-T hangers for the three Yagi elements- DE, REFL, DIR - is approx 65 ft above ground at its lowest elevation. The Red DE is approx 66 ft end to end. The Yellow support ropes are 225 ft each and terminated at a 10 ft stanchion pole guyed with ropes. The stanchion pole provided less of a guy rope trip hazard. K7PUC's NEC design calculated the forward gain as 8 dB, 25dB Front/Back ratio, 35dB side lobe loss. In reality... this antenna is basically three Inverted-Vees aligned for Yagi action. This year I added some medium sized Neon Lamps to each end of the DE. When RF was present the lamps were highly visible after dark. Even a CW CQ was recognizable in the dark.

I told Bud that a higher than usual number of members were on the field eager to help get the antenna in the air. Volunteers pulled out the 225 ft long support ropes from their storage reels and most importantly younger and stronger than me hams pulled the Cat Rope / Boom up into the trees and securely tied it off. It was no sweat (for me).

The Yagi Antenna SWR was measured at 1.0:1 at 6.999 MHz (great for the CW band) and the dipole was 1.5:1 at 7.180 Mhz. My Bro's Icom 756 Pro2 has a short range antenna tuner which tuned everything to 1 to 1 when it mattered.



The 40M station Set Up on Saturday morning about an hour before the **BIG SHOW**.

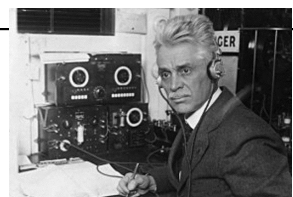
Setting up the Station Equipment: Radio, Interface, PC, Monitor, Re-check Mic Levels, Audio Files, CW Messages, Antenna SWR, etc is the most tedious part of Field Day for me. It's likely that I will forget something or insert a plug in the wrong receptacle. Hams are generally helpful- as two of them went different directions to find Ethernet cables for me. It was great to get the 40M station was OTA for the "First FD QSOs" a half hour before the 11:00 AM start time.

My SOTA friend Todd W7TAO brought his two sons who recently obtained their Tech Licenses- Tanner K7TMT and Mason K7MTW each made their first SSB QSOs at the 40M station with expert coaching from their dad.

My brother, John KF7MYI also was able to get on the air and make some phone QSOs. I was glad that I didn't make this station CW only as I had at Field Days past.

What's T.O.M Thinking?

- A. I've got a headache
- B. My Coherer is broken
- C. There's battery acid in my shoe
- D. That Damn Cat !!





whilst AC7QN tuned in the radio and logged the QSOs. My Elmer K7PUC used to say, "Work the LOUD ones"... so Chuck searched for loud CQs. 3 out of 5 pounces of "W7DK" in sloppy bike powered straight keyed Morse code got us a QSO. [Note: most stations are expecting keyer generated code] This year it took less time than in the past to make the quota. It must've been the improvements that Chuck made to the anti-slip gizmos where the rubber tire met the generator drive shaft.

(above) Lots of on-lookers watch young Tanner K7TMT make SSB QSOs with his dad's assistance. Tanner's voice was like a QSO magnet where far away hams waited on the frequency to get their turn to make contact. After Tanner's run of approx 20 QSOs his older brother Mason K7MWT took over for another approx 10 QSOs.

(below) Early Sunday Todd W7TAO takes a seat and operates CW.



Chuck AC7QN and I agreed to make 5 **Alternative Power QSOs** using Chuck's bicycle generator contraption. Pedal Power equals +13V to power a Yaesu FT-817 5W QRP radio. The radio was connected to the dipole in attempt to QSO with the large population of California stations. KR7W pedaled the bike and sent the Morse Code-



Still smiling after the second QSO bagged. Chuck searches for the loud ones.

Dah dit dah dit dah

My Field Day wish was to stay up late into the night and work CW. After miscellaneous operators worked SSB and CW off and on... about 11 PM I sat down and worked CW stations for about 3 hours straight. First I started at 7.001 MHz and tuned upward looking for CQs. There were hundreds. Make a contact and move up... over and over again. It seemed like that each time I pounced I'd make the QSO. This made for quickly adding to the log. When it seemed that the pool dried up I was able to take over a frequency that a loud CQer had just vacated and run the frequency. Stations responded to W7DK's CQ each time it was called. It was QSO heaven for me until about 0200 when it was time to retreat to the sleeping bag.

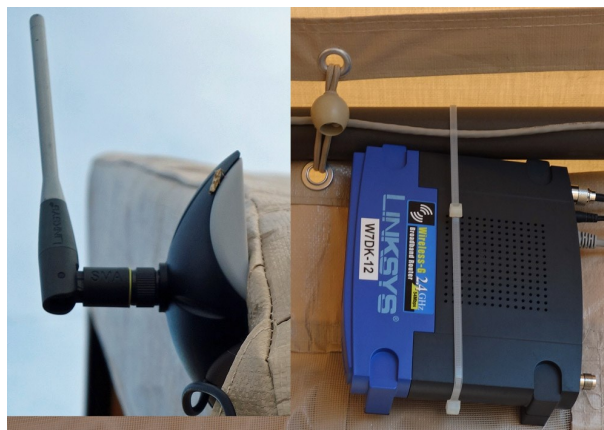
Notable Accolades...



If the 40M station was idle for very long... this guy would sit down and work CW. Radik Galyautdinov, KG7HWU– a new ham at W7DK but an old hand at CW made the most QSOs of any operator at FD at the 20 and 40 meter stations. Thanks for coming to W7DK's Field Day.

Thanks to a handful of members who helped put up the 40M Wire Yagi: Tim K7TMW, Andy Willms KE7RTB, Andy's buddy Mike "Doc" McAdams, John KG7PVU, Mike W7XTZ, Leonard KA7NWF, Eagle Eye Joe, and sorry if I left you out.

Thanks to Randy WB4SPB for being our 2015 El Jefe, for coaching my brother at the SSB station, and for the Ham Lan wireless Ethernet network that connected all of the N3FJP logging software PCs together. It was exciting to see the other stations adding to the log on the 40M Station's PC screen. Hopefully next year all stations will participate.



Ham-Lan... Small, discrete, and super effective gizmos to connect our log FD logs together.

Todd– Thanks for bringing your boys to FD... It was great to see youth being interested in ham radio and actually doing it.



Paul W7PFU and the other two backs of heads in the foto: Jan and Charles.

Paul should be receiving his 5 X Hamburger Century Club award in the mail as this is written. Thanks for all of the grub. Oh, special thanks to Charles for making coffee at 0130 Sunday morning.

Ol' Bud asked if I will attend FD next year... Yah, but I would like another ham to set up the station. 73 30 – Rich KR7W



Upcoming Events

Salmon Run 2015 - The Washington State QSO Party
W7DK will again participate from the Clubhouse on **September 19th and 20th**. The event runs 9 am to midnight on Saturday, and from 9 am until 5 pm on Sunday. Not only is this a **FUN** event, it is also one of the Club's major **FUN**draising events. Member's and other's pledges help throughout the year funding various club activities and improvements. You should soon receive your Pledge Letter, so take a few moments, fill it out, and return to the club. And then come play on the radios for the weekend, or head for the countryside and operate remotely.

Washington State Fair - September 11-27 at the Fairgrounds in Puyallup. The Club will again have a display and information station for the entire duration of the fair. It's a great way to meet the public and promote our amateur radio hobby. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth. Contact Stephen AD7AB by email ad7ab@w7dk.org or by phone (253) 212-9437 for more info.

An Extra Licensing Class has been scheduled in Kent for October 3, 17 and 24, 2015. This is a 24 hour 3 Saturday course with the test at the end. The class is FREE, but the test cost is \$15. The class has a high pass rate and will answer all the questions in the Extra Question Pool. Multiple instructors will bring their experiences and show and tell items to demonstrate. This is the easiest way to upgrade.

The class will be held at the Kent Fire Station 73, located at 26512 Military Road South, Kent WA, 98032.

This is easy to get to off I-5. Take Exit 147, off I-5 onto South 272nd Street. Go east one block to the light at Military Road S and turn left. The Fire Station is on the right just past the park.

The class is sponsored by the Kent Communication Support Team (KCST) and the Federal Way Amateur Radio Club (FWARC). The contact to register for the class is Daniel Stevens, KL7WM. Just send an email requesting the Extra Class to KL7WM@aol.com

The Future of Amateur Radio

Sometimes you get a QSL card that brings a smile to your face. Such was the case last week when I got paper confirmation of a QSO I had last month with a young gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Will is a hard-charging SKCC member and has a dandy fist. With folks like him entering the ranks, we have no worries for the future of Radio Sport.

Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday, we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.

Confirming QSO With **W7MWF**

MONTH	DAY	YEAR	UTC
Aug	3	2015	0341

MHz	MODE	RST
7.050	CW	579

☒ Please send QSL ☐ Thanks for your QSL

COMMENTS:

Tnx QSO and ya T' Mike, would appreciate an QSL for my ARRL cw WAB Q3 Will W3WKV

During July 2013 I passed my Technician license at age 11.
During July 2014 I passed my General license at age 12.

W3WKV

Will Vogel
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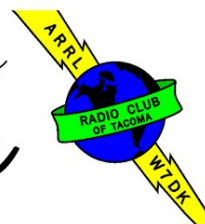
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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

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SPECIAL EVENTS

September 19/20 - Salmon Run 2015